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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2136**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Shinichiro TANIGUCHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2136

Application No.: 09/454,865

Examiner: C. Colin

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Docket No.: 104934

For: DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND METHOD

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION AND
REQUEST TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF FINALITY OF THE REJECTION**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the September 1, 2005 Office Action, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Colin in the October 6, 2005 personal interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

The Office Action, in paragraph 3.1, rejects claims 1-27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,117,096 to Bauer et al. (hereinafter "Bauer") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0013898 A1 to Sudia et al. (hereinafter "Sudia"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.